



Coincidence of Natural Phenomena.

It has been remarked that the earthquake which was experienced in Scotland Nov. 25, 1846, was conspicuously indicated at the time by the wires &c., on Brooklyn Heights, and was the cause of the storm in which the Atlantic was lost. But it is moreover conjectured that not only tempests and storms, but disasters and casualties, even fires and explosions also occur most generally in connection with the same meteoric phenomena which indicate earthquakes and tempests. This is probably mere conjecture, but further observations on this subject may decide the point as far as facts can decide.

Great Western Railroad.

Dr. H. Carver, has made proposals for constructing a railroad from Lake Michigan to the Pacific Ocean, on a magnificent scale. He proposes that the cars shall be 16 feet wide, and 100 feet long, that they shall contain dining halls, cook shops, state rooms, and shall be to "all intents" *bona fide* hotels, traveling at the rate of 50 miles an hour, which he proposes to accomplish by doubling the diameter of the ordinary wheels, so that at every motion of the crank a double velocity must follow. Nothing in the nature of business is more evident than that the railroads on most of our principal routes, are on a scale too diminutive to satisfy the business requirements for many years to come, and we like to see bold projects of improvements on a large scale, seasonably introduced.

Remarkable Escape.

As the workmen on the Providence Railroad were blasting rocks at Quinsigamond Village, a large piece of rock fell upon the roof of a house occupied by Mr. Burbank, and breaking a rafter, passed through the roof and the garret floor and lodged upon a bed in one of the chambers. It is supposed that the bed alone prevented the farther progress of the rock, and perhaps saved the lives of some of the family who were at breakfast in the room below, and directly beneath the spot occupied by the bed.

New mode of acquiring wisdom.

Andrew Jackson Davis, who has been "three years engaged as a subject of human magnetism and spiritual sympathy," and who is about to publish a book on the subject, states in a recent communication to the "Gem of Science," that he has "never read a book, pamphlet or paper, treating on any science, or theology." So it seems this gentleman has carefully avoided the Sacred Scriptures and all scientific works, and is seeking the heights of wisdom in mesmeric experience alone.—Truly this is a novel system of education.

Storm at New Orleans.

On the 28th ult., the vicinity of New Orleans was visited with such a storm as has seldom if ever been known in that section, and by which six large ships were driven from their moorings and severely damaged. A large house in progress of construction was blown down, and four flat boats, containing about 8500 bbls. of coal, and one flat boat loaded with wood, were sunk, and their cargoes lost. The wharves in front of the Port Market have been seriously damaged; and it will take weeks, if not months, to repair them.

Railroads in New England.

In 1818 there was not a single mile of railway in New England, with the exception of the stone quarries. Now eight hundred and fifteen miles of railroad have their termination in Boston alone.

English Ready Made Clothing.

We observe in some of the advertisements in English newspapers, that "good warm Flushing great coats are offered for 13 shillings a piece; strong lined winter trowsers, for 6s., and good strong double breasted waistcoats for 3s. each."

New York Railroads.

The Comptroller of this State in his report, gives the following as the earnings of the roads of the State, for the year ending January 1st. 1847.

Mohawk and Hudson	16	\$113,857
Utica and Schenectady	78	428,395
Syracuse and Utica	53	257,637
Auburn and Syracuse	26	119,038
Auburn and Rochester	78	290,170
Tonawanda	38	143,818
Athens and Buffalo	31	86,494
Troy and Schenectady	20	36,788
Rensselaer and Saratoga	25	50,534
Cayuga and Susquehanna	—	14,557
Saratoga and Schenectady	22	32,118
New York and Erie	62	185,517
Total	455	\$1,758,922

Golden Ink.

We have often heard enquiries for an ink that would write a brilliant gold color on paper; but we have never seen such an article until it was recently invented and manufactured by Davids & Black, 112 John street.—This ink flows freely from the pen, and when dry, shows a brilliant metallic lustre of a gold color, and which remains permanent. Its lustre resembles that of gold leaf, though less brilliant; and is a beautiful article for ornamental writing in albums and fancy work.

A Slave Murder.

A slave was recently arrested for killing another slave, a female at Charleston S. C. but was acquitted on the ground that he was but obeying the commands of his mistress. We have long been under the impression, that if there was anything diabolical in the slave system, it was the custom of compelling one slave to whip and torture his fellow slaves, and sometimes his dearest friends.

Great Scales.

Messrs. Elliot and Abbot of Philadelphia, are manufacturing weighing scales of enormous capacity for the use of railroads. One of these scales measures 120 feet in length, and capable of weighing ten loaded cars at a single draft. Its capacity is 200 tons.

A Noble Tree.

A pine tree has recently been cut in Hopkinton, N. H. which measured 107 feet in length, and seven feet in diameter. It was estimated that it would furnish 8000 feet of boards. The value of this tree if sound, must have been nearly a hundred dollars.

A Worthy Precedent.

A respectable young gentleman accompanied by his wife recently applied to the Commissioners of the Almshouse, for permission to take charge of the maintenance and education of one of the infant foundlings.—The request was readily granted, and we see no reason why the example should not be followed by others with satisfaction to themselves, though this application is esteemed a novelty in the city.

Large Contribution.

At a meeting of the parishoners of the Church of the Holy Cross, at Boston, on Sunday evening, \$3000 were subscribed to aid the suffering poor of Ireland.

Florida Cigars.

A Florida paper states that a Mr. Floyd has made 50,000 cigars, equal to Cuba, and worth at least \$650, from the planting of an acre of ground. The statement reads very well; and should one of the cotton planters manufacture the produce of an acre into fine printed muslin, it would amount to a much greater sum.

American Produce.

It is estimated that the wheat and corn raised last year in the Western States, was in the aggregate 640,000,000 bushels. In the state of Ohio alone, the quantity of corn is estimated at 60,000,000 bushels. In one county the quantity was 359,335 bushels, and on one farm 50,000.

A Good Second.

During a recent prize fight near Buxton, Eng. the wife of one of the pugilists was present, and between the rounds stepped forward and kissed her husband, who thus encouraged redoubled his combative efforts, and was finally victorious.

The Killers.

Captain Hill of the Philadelphia "Killer" volunteers, finding his company wholly unmanageable, while at New Orleans, gave up his commission; but was persuaded to proceed and present his complaint to Gen. Scott. His rowdy outlaw volunteers may meet rough handling yet.

The Massachusetts Regiment.

Colonel Cushing of the Massachusetts volunteers has presented every soldier in his regiment with a pair of boots, and the ladies of Highburyport have presented a gold ring to the Col. and three hundred dollars in cash to the soldiers.

Dayton (O.) and Springfield.

The engineers are engaged in surveying the route of a railroad between Dayton and Springfield. It is supposed that the necessary amount of stock will be subscribed in a short time, and the road put under contract in two or three months.

A Dark Valley.

A colporteur reports that there is a settlement among the Alleghany Mountains, containing 60 inhabitants, but in which prior to his arrival, there was neither bible, spelling books, nor page of reading matter of any kind.

Prompt Execution of the Laws.

We learn of the Organ that of the 4000 who are selling liquor in this city without license, one, a poor woman has been arrested. Glory enough for a fortnight.

New Manufactories.

A manufacturing company at Cape Ann, Mass. with a capital of \$400,000, and another at Shirley, with a capital of \$100,000, have been recently incorporated by the Massachusetts Legislature.

Self to the last.

Among the names attached to a petition to the Massachusetts Legislature, against the abolition of capital punishment, were no less than twenty rope makers.

Compound Gin.

A workman in the Brooklyn distillery last week fell into one of the kettles, and his flesh was boiled off from his bones. The gin distilled from the compound will probably be drank by hundreds nevertheless.

Inundations.

During the recent flood in Rome, half of the city is said to have been at one time under water. A great inundation has also occurred in Egypt, by which ninety-three villages were destroyed.

Bagley's Gold Pens at fault.

A cotemporary in speaking of these pens,—using one of them in writing the article,—admits that the pen is not capable of writing a full expression of its own merits.

Many of the English clergy, for want of more important business, are deeply engaged in the discussion of the propriety of permitting the marrying of a deceased wife's sister. Flat, very.

The St. Louis Reville notices the marriage of Mr. Schichenhoofen to Miss Schreghengost. The officiating Squire should have been provided with antidote against "cramp in the tongue."

The Belleville Iron Works is the name given to extensive buildings in the course of construction opposite New Orleans. They will it is stated, give employment to three hundred workmen.

In the new city of Lawrence, Mass.—a young babe of a city about six months old,—nine lawyers and twelve physicians have already located.

The bridge for the Northern Railroad across the Connecticut river at Lebanon, is to be built by Mr. Campbell, an eminent engineer of Pennsylvania at the cost of \$50,000.

The Hon. Abbott Lawrence has presented the Mechanic Association of the city of Lowell, the sum of one thousand dollar to be appropriated to the purchase of scientific books.

The average cost of railroads in England has been \$160,000 dollars per mile, while that of railroads in America is only \$43,650.

Sombody has proposed to connect all the churches in the United States, by telegraphic wires, so that one minister may preach to all the congregations at the same time.

The Brooklyn Eagle notices a new machine for making wood screws, which saves half the cost required to make them by other machinery.

The petitions forwarded to the Assembly from this city, against the beggar making liquor trade, are said to number nearly 50,000 names.

The Legislature of this State have voted 96 to 9, and that of Pennsylvania 79 to 0, against the establishment of Slavery in any newly acquired territory.

Mr. Jones of the Philadelphia Hotel is said to have made \$150,000 in ten years. The only sponging in this trade consists in charging 1000 per cent on the cost of entertainment.

Gen. Le Vega has called on Midshipman Rogers, who is a prisoner at Vera Cruz, and promised to aid in obtaining his liberty. He is treated with much kindness.

Of 400 dragoon horses shipped from the United States for Mexico, only about 50 arrived. So writes an officer of the 3d dragoons, from Camp Page.

A regular train of passenger cars left the Preston, (Eng.) station, a few days since, without a single passenger. It is perhaps the only instance of the kind ever heard of.

The Great Gun made in England to replace the peacemaker, is to be put on board the Bomb Ketch to be used at the taking of San Juan.

The Governor of Louisiana has found it requisite to call out the militia to protect the citizens against the outrages of the volunteers encamped in the vicinity.

The St. Louis Republican gives a list of 36 steamboats sunk or destroyed on the Western Rivers in 1846. The aggregate of loss and damage is estimated at \$1,000,000.

The Selectmen of Nantucket acknowledge the receipt of seventy thousand dollars by contributions in behalf of the sufferers by the fire which occurred in July.

B. F. Walker, member of the Missouri Legislature, has been expelled from the House of Representatives for publicly insulting a lady in the street.

Some of the Boston papers have been presented as nuisances by the Grand Jury, in consequence of the insertion of scandalous *Restell* advertisements. That is right.

Buffalo, as appears by a recent census, contains nearly 32,000 inhabitants. It is supposed to be nearly 35,000 in the business season.

An old revolutionary soldier died recently at Montgomery, N. J. at the age of 105 years leaving 175 children, grand children, &c.

The Ohio Legislature has by bill, thrown the highways of that state, open to all for the erection of lines of magnetic telegraph.

The Japanese are very temperate, and live to a great age. They neither eat meat, drink wine, or any intoxicating liquor.

A man is under arrest in New Orleans, for hiring a man for ten dollars to assassinate a third.

In Russia the police have forbidden all trade or manufacture of cotton powder, under the ostensible plea that it is a dangerous article.

The first article that appeared in the "Chicago Morning Mail," of the 12th inst. was "a lady's foot." Queer, was't it.

One hundred and fifty thousand steerage passengers have arrived at this port since the 1st of March last.

A gang of thirty horse thieves have been arrested and imprisoned in the vicinity of Hancock, Iowa.

Plymouth Rock is said to be the place where the Pilgrims first *rock'd* the cradle of liberty.

The latest news from New York is received at New Orleans by the Philadelphia telegraph.